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The Burlingame Buzz

The Pool

It's almost that time of year again. Summer!! The kids are getting restless in school as the weather starts to warm up. With that hot Kansas weather comes the desire to find a place to join friends, have fun and cool off.

In Burlingame we have just the ticket, the Burlingame Pool located next to the school.

Crews have started making some repairs and sprucing up the area around the pool in anticipation of opening the pool. We should begin filling the pool in mid-May in anticipation of a Memorial Day weekend opening. The first day of scheduled swimming will be on May 28th at 1:00pm.

The pool is scheduled to be

open 1:00pm to 6:00pm seven days a week and from 7:00pm to 9:00pm on Friday nights.

We have made several changes for 2005 including the hiring of Rita Scheopner as the pool manager.

Fees have been set at \$1.50 and those 4 and under are free. Punch cards can be purchased at city hall or the pool for \$12.50 for 10 punches or \$25.00 for a 20 punch ticket. The ticket can be used by anyone to gain entrance to the pool.

Daycare passes are also available, contact city hall or the pool about prices.

This year the pool will also be offering adult swim times and water aerobics. Check the



city's web site for dates and times. We will also be offering swim lessons again this year. Lessons will start on June 6th, and will run for two weeks. The cost will be \$25.00 per person and sign up is on May 30th.

If you have any questions take a look at the city's web site or call city hall at 654-2414.

We hope everyone is ready for a great summer! See you at the pool!

May Meetings

- May 2—City Council @ 7:00pm
- May 10—Chamber of Commerce @ 12:00pm
- May 11—Planning Commission @ 7:00pm
- May 16—City Council @ 7:00pm

Administrator's Activities

I am looking for volunteers in the community. We are starting a group called The Burlingame Weekend Warriors.

The group will meet the first Saturday of every month from 9:00am to 12:00pm. During this time the group will work on a local project. It will be a volunteer group to help make

various improvements around the community. Improvements will involve trash pick-up, painting, park improvements, and other beautification type projects to help make this community a better place to live, work, and play.

If you would like to participate in this group's activities, please

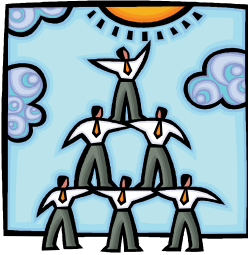
send me an e-mail or call city hall to be added to the list. We will use e-mail to organize the group and keep everyone informed as to the activities of this group.

If you have projects you would like this group to consider, please let me know.

Kurt Hassler

2006 Goals

It may seem like the title to this article is a typographical error, but it isn't. The council met on April 4th and has set goals and priorities for 2006. Staff is beginning on the 2006 budget even though we are not even half finished with 2005. The process is set up this way to keep in compliance with the budgeting laws established by the State of Kansas.



The goals established by the council include 36 objectives established by the city council. The council took this list and then gave each a series of points to establish the priorities of the council. The top five (5) priorities are listed below:

1. Promote commercial growth.

The City will continue working with the Economic Development Committee established by the Chamber of Commerce. They have set up five working committees to address specific problems identified in the community. City staff will keep the council updated on the activities of this committee and bring recommendations from the committee to the council when appropriate.

2. Promote residential growth.

The City is in the process of condemnation proceedings on the railroad property that was identified by the City Council as a potential site for residential development. Staff and the Economic Development Committee are looking at additional areas that could be developed as residential property. A recommendation should be brought back to the City Council for action in the next couple of months.

3. Reduce noise downtown at night.

The Chief of Police and City Administrator will review all ordinances that relate to noise and activities in the downtown area. We will bring recommendations to the council on how to proceed in the next couple of months.

4. Development of railroad property.

The City is in the process of condemnation proceedings on the railroad property. Crews have started on activities to help clean the area. Once the City has obtained possession of the property, cleaning can begin in earnest. We anticipate this property being cleaned up and improvements completed by the end of the year.

5. Improve existing roads.

The City Superintendent and the City Administrator are putting together a 20 year plan for street improvements. This plan should be completed for review by the council by the first meeting in June, 2005. Improvements for streets in 2005 has been presented and adopted by the City Council. Work should begin in about three weeks on these projects.

For a complete list of the goals for 2006 please see the city's web site.

Staff has generated a rough plan to address each of the items on the council's list of goals. Money will be targeted at addressing the top items. Several of the items won't cost much in terms of money, but do require staff time.

Each year the council will be updated on the previous year's goals and priorities and a new list of goals and priorities will be set. This list will help the council evaluate the effectiveness on resources spent on the goals of the community. These resources include money, equipment, and staff time.

If you have recommendations as to new goals, please let me or a council member know and we may add it to the list next year.

A complete list of the goals, priorities and proposed actions are available on the City's web site.



Animal Control

Along with the warmer weather comes an unwanted pest, the mosquito. This little insect is a pain for us humans; however, they could be fatal to your dog. Mosquito's can carry a parasite in their mouth, which can be transmitted to your dog. If your dog is not protected, this will lead to heartworms. Heartworms are a parasitic worm, which can grow from 7"-14" each, and some dogs can have up to 300 of these worms, which usually grow inside of the heart cham-

bers. It sometimes takes up to 5 years before symptoms will show. Some symptoms to watch out for include:

- Soft, dry, cough
- Shortness of breath
- Weakness
- Nervousness
- Listlessness
- Loss of stamina
- Weight loss

The city recommends that you have your dog tested to see if it has heartworms. The test itself usually runs \$20.00, the six month preventative will run you approximately \$20-\$75 depending on the size of your dog. This is a cheap price to pay to protect your dog against suffering from this illness. However, if your dog does test positive for heartworms, it can still be treated. However, this treatment will run around \$275.



Protect the family dog from heartworms by seeing your family vet.

Weeds

With warmer weather finally approaching, it won't be long until we have to fire up the lawn mowers and weed eaters to keep our yards and the City looking nice. However, there are times when some yards get left unattended for long periods of time and become very unsightly. For this reason, the city has an ordinance to handle this problem. The ordinance states:

"It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, lessee, tenant, or other person occupying or having charge or control of any premises to permit weeds to remain upon said premises or any area between the property lines of said premises and the centerline of any adjacent street or alley, including but not specifically limited to sidewalks, streets, alleys, easements, rights-of-way and all other areas, public or private. All weeds as hereinafter de-

fined are hereby declared a nuisance and are subject to abatement as hereinafter provided.

Weeds as used herein, means any of the following:

- Brush and woody vines shall be classified as weeds;
- Weeds and indigenous grasses which may attain such large growth as to become, when dry, a fire menace to adjacent improved property;
- Weeds which bear or may bear seeds of a downy or wingy nature;
- Weeds which are located in an area which harbors rats, insects, animals, reptiles, or any other creature which either may or does constitute a menace to health, public safety or welfare;

- Weeds and indigenous grasses on or about residential property, which, because of its height, has a blighting influence on the neighborhood. Any such weeds and indigenous grasses shall be presumed to be blighting if they exceed 12 inches in height."

If you notice an area that falls within these guidelines, then contact the Burlingame Police Department or City Hall. You don't have to give your name, just the location of the property.

Please keep in mind that the owner of the property will have 10 days to fix the problem. The City is interested in getting compliance with this ordinance and not in prosecution of violators. If the owner of the property is cooperative the issue can be resolved within a few days.

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City staff is continuing to make frequent updates to the City web site. We are adding the agenda and minutes for all council meetings. The public now has access to most of the information made available to the City Council prior to the meeting.

We are also adding new information to the department pages that we think might be of interest to the general public. If there are things you would like to see on the city's web site let us know.

E-mail suggestions to us at kbassler@burlingameks.gov. We are always looking for ways to improve information flow to the public.

We're on the Web! Come check us out.

www.burlingameks.gov

Where Rail Crosses Trail.



2005 Street Projects



Coming in the summer of 2005, the city will be doing their annual street work. However, due to the upcoming water line installation project that the city will be starting, we have decided to hold off on chip and seal projects throughout the town like we usually do, except for the new streets that were sealed in the past year. Instead, we are going to concentrate on some of the existing gravel roads, and intersections. We have several intersections including the intersections of Walnut and Collins, Seneca and Lincoln, and Peoria and Seward that are in drastic need of repair. Also in the summer of 2005, we are plan-

ning on rebuilding Banks street from Prospect to Walnut, and Kansas street north of Lincoln to the city limits.

These projects will include creating a crown to the road that will allow water to run off the road and into new ditches on either side of the road. The ditches will also be reformed to allow for better runoff. By crowning the roads and creating better ditches these roads and intersections will drain better and shouldn't be as difficult to cross as has been the case in the past. Also, storm water should drain better and we hope to eliminate most of the standing water that forms after rain events in these areas.

These roads will be rebuilt but not paved at this time. We hope to chip seal these roads in the near future as funding allows.

If you have any concerns about roads, intersections, or potholes please e-mail the City Administrator at khasler@burlingameks.gov and he will be happy to look at the issue and address them in the best method available. All e-mails should be responded to within one to two business days. Any potholes on paved streets will be fixed within one working day.